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# Alumni Satisfaction Survey

By William Mitchell, Headmaster

In early December 2000, a questionnaire was mailed to the 1,870 SHS alumni for whom we have current addresses. The survey had several major objectives:

1. to provide a report card on past performance
2. to produce a baseline against which to measure future progress
3. to better understand the relationships between students' experience while at SHS and their institutional success after graduation
4. to assist efforts in continuous institutional improvement
5. to build specific mandates for contemplated initiatives
6. to feed into strategic planning exercises
7. to generate satisfaction ratings in aid of marketing efforts

The questionnaire was designed to take measure of:

1. general satisfaction
2. specific satisfaction across a comprehensive list of school-life elements
3. current attitudes about Selwyn House School
4. academic performance (at SHS and beyond)
5. self-appraised preparedness upon graduation from SHS
6. demographic breakdowns
7. participation and interest in volunteering
8. donation patterns

The following analysis reflects input from 335 Alumni. The relatively low response rate (18%) compared to other schools surveyed by Lookout Management (25-32%) was due largely to this being our first such survey and the fact that, for some more recent graduates, the survey may not have reached them in time for them to respond. Nonetheless, the results are deemed to be 95% (+/-5%) as reliable as they would have been if derived from a higher rate of return.

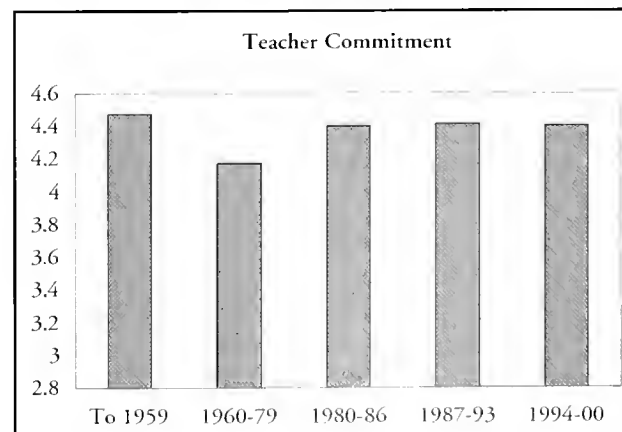
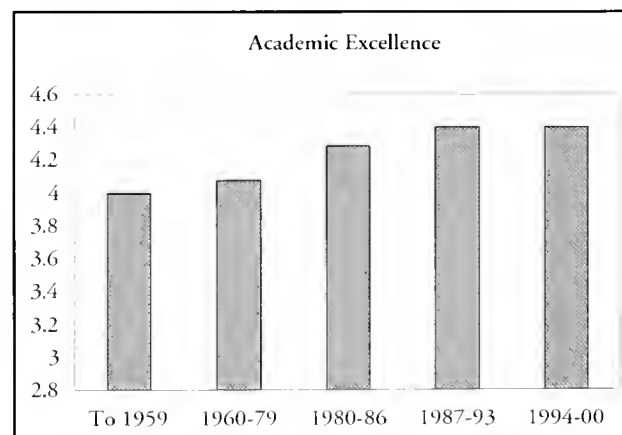
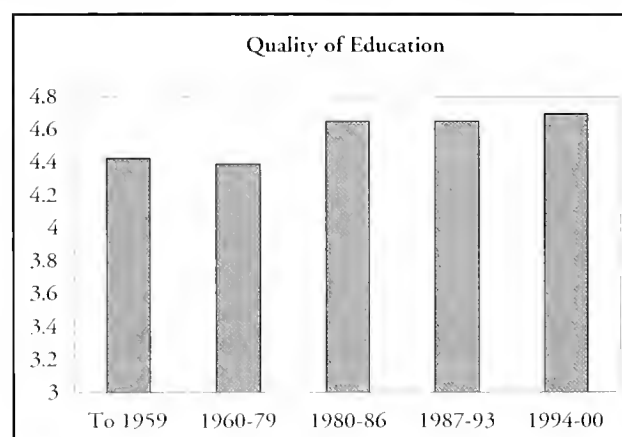
## Highlights from the Total Response Group

1. SHS alumni rate their general satisfaction with the School (as students) at 4.2 on the scale from 1-5. The best score on this measure, across schools measured, was 4.4.
2. From a list of school-life elements, high rating went to quality of education, at 4.5, followed by teacher commitment and challenging curriculum, both at 4.3.
3. Across a list of 22 academic and life skills, alumni consider themselves to have been very well prepared upon graduation from SHS. Highest reported preparedness is for academic workload (at 4.5) and essay-style questions (4.4).
4. From within a series of presented statements, alumni agreed most with: I am proud to say that I attended SHS; Upon graduation from SHS, I was better prepared for post-secondary studies, as compared to the average new student; and I would recommend SHS to a friend, all at 4.4 on the five-point scale.

5. Ratings of various aspects of the all-boys environment are higher on all accounts from more recent graduates (since 1980).

6. Graduates (in aggregate) were able to maintain their final year academic average with the first term of post-secondary studies. This is not common across schools measured.

What we have shared here is only a small portion of the total results of the survey. We plan to use all the data and other information from subsequent surveys with alumni and other School constituencies in our on-going strategic planning processes.





Thomas B. King '28 has brought us this photo of himself and a group of SHS students, possibly on an outing to Belmont Amusement Park in Cartierville. Mr. King believes he has identified most of the young men in the photo. Standing, from left: Thomas B. King, Eric Harrington '28, Thomas Brainerd, Douglas Oswald '28, Charles Cassils '34, Henry Joseph, and Alexander Hutchinson. Seated: David Law '28, Ernest Gerrard MacNutt '28, Gordon Savage '28, James Barclay '28, and E.A. Worden '32. In front, an unidentified boy, and Leonard G.W. Schlemm '29.

## Calendar of Events 2001-2002

*For all Alumni events, kindly RSVP to Sharon Cozens, 931-9481 ext. 228, cozenss@selwyn.ca*

- **Friday, September 14, 2001 – Old Boys' Reunion 2001.** This year we will be highlighting the Classes of 1951 (50 years), 1976 (25 years) and 1991 (10 years). We also celebrate the five-year classes.
- **Wednesday, October 10, 2001 – Old Boys' Oyster Night.** Bring your spouse/guest and enjoy this year's oyster catch at the University Club. Reservations in advance are required.
- **October 25-27, 2001 – The Fall Event.** Old Boys, current students, current and alumni parents, and SHS staff all pitch in to make this annual fundraiser a top-notch event (\$89,000 raised last year). To volunteer call Alison Matheson at 939-9026. For more information please call Sandy Martz at 487-1308. More details on page 30.
- **Wednesday, November 21, 2001 – Founder's Day** will take place in the Lucas gym. Invitations will be sent to all SHS constituents to attend this multicultural cocktail party. The main purpose, of course, is to honour this year's Speirs medal recipient, Mr. Ian Burgess, former Head of the SHS English Department.
- **Friday, December 21, 2001 – Old Boys' Hockey Tournament** at Verdun Auditorium. Call Steve Mitchell at 514-931-9481, ext. 263 or e-mail him at mitchste@selwyn.ca for more information.
- **Tuesday, April 16, 2002 (tentative) – Senior School Career Day.** Guest speakers are needed, as well as volunteers to host a group of students at your workplace. Contact April Wong (wonga@selwyn.ca; 514-931-9481, ext. 239).
- **Tuesday, May 21, 2002 – Third Annual Old Boys' Tennis Tournament** at Hillside Tennis Club.
- **May 27, 2002 (tentative) – Fourth Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament,** with players and sponsors ranging from Old Boys, current and alumni parents, current and former staff, to business clients and friends of the School. Last year's tournament was an overwhelming success, raising \$29,600 for SHS endowment.

## Groundbreaking less than a year away

Selwyn House School is only a year away from turning the sod on an ambitious project that will dramatically expand our campus. In June of 2002, we will witness the groundbreaking for the construction of a new building to the west of the present Lucas Building, which will include a new library and computer centre, gymnasium, and many other vital facilities. Creating this new space will allow us to increase classroom size in the present Lucas Building, converting the Lucas Gym into an enlarged dining room and upgraded auditorium.

To finance this, we must raise \$10.5 million by the groundbreaking date of June 2002. Much of this has already been raised through our "Making Room for the Future" campaign. As of July 2001, \$8.75 million had been pledged, \$4.7M of which has already been received.

At the present time, we are completing the Current Parent division of the campaign, with donations still being received. The

Staff division of the campaign has been very successful, with 80 per cent of staffers already involved.

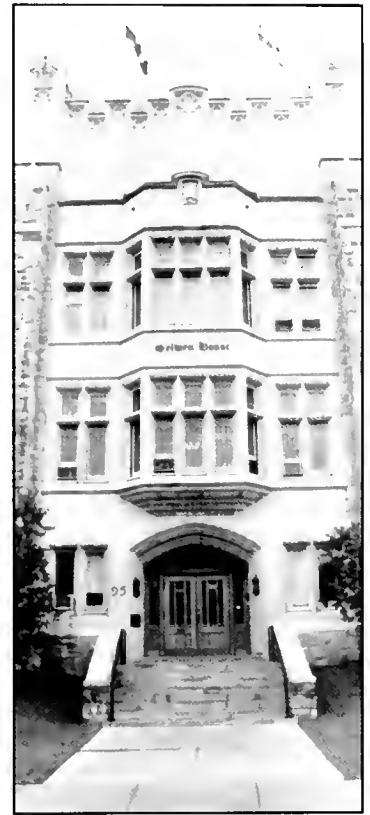
This fall, the Alumni division of the campaign will get underway, starting with a phone/mail solicitation. At that time, we also plan to get new parents involved, and we will be meeting with them personally to explain the project.

Alumni Parents will be contacted beginning next year.

For the duration of our Capital Campaign, we will consolidate our annual fundraising efforts. Rather than ask all Selwyn House constituents for two gifts (an Annual

Giving donation that helps defray the cost of yearly operations, plus a Capital Campaign gift for the new project), we would like to propose that donors make one contribution that could be divided for both purposes. Eighty per cent of the contribution would be allocated to the Capital Campaign, and 20 per cent to the Annual Giving Campaign. In this way, we can serve both of the School's needs.

**PHOTOS:** The changing faces of Selwyn House over the years. Left: In 1910, the School increased to 55 boys and moved from a small flat on Crescent St. near Sherbooke, to a private house at 452 (now 2130) Mackay St. Below left: In 1930, the School moved to Redpath St. Right: In 1961, Selwyn House School moved to 95 Côte St-Antoine. Below right: In 1985, the School purchased St. Andrew's United Church, which was named the Macaulay Building.



# Retiring head of Royal Bank, John Cleghorn recalls his days at SHS

By Richard Wills, Editor

**O**n the eve of his retirement as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Royal Bank, John E. Cleghorn '57 recently spoke to *Veritas* about his career and his time at Selwyn House, along the way touching on such diverse topics as the global economy and bluegrass banjo technique.

Born in Montreal in 1941, Mr. Cleghorn attended Selwyn House for the school year 1953-54, when the School was located on Redpath Street. After a year at SHS, he completed his high school education at Westmount High School, which was at that time located in the building on Côte St-Antoine now occupied by Selwyn House School. He went on to earn a degree in commerce at McGill in 1962, becoming a chartered accountant in 1964, and a trader in sugar futures for St. Lawrence Sugar. In 1966, he joined Citibank. In 1974, he joined Royal Bank of Canada, where, since 1994, he had been CEO, responsible for the Royal Bank Financial Group.

Mr. Cleghorn is also a director of Finning International Inc., Chancellor of Sir Wilfred Laurier University, and Chairman of The National Gallery of Canada Foundation. He is a vice-chairman of the Business Council on National Issues, immediate past chairman and a director of the Conference Board of Canada, a vice-chairman of Historical Foundation of Canada, a director of the Canadian Special Olympics Foundation, a governor of McGill University, and a director of the International Monetary Conference. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario and the Order of Chartered Accountants of Quebec. He holds honorary degrees from Acadia, Bishop's and Sir Wilfred Laurier Universities.

**VERITAS:** Has your career taken any unexpected turns?

**CLEGHORN:** I never thought I'd get into banking. I happened to read an article in the certified accountants' magazine about a bank that Citibank had bought. It was a small commercial bank in Canada that the Dutch had started, called Mercantile Bank. I was with them nine years, and I got to see what the other banks were doing, and got to respect the activities of the Canadian banks, both in Canada and outside. I guess my sugar futures background gave me a view of trade and payments and foreign exchange and so on.

That was one of the reasons I became a C.A., to have a broader experience, doing audits and special work, which is what my father advised me. He was an artist, but also had an accounting background. He ended up as the Associate Director/Curator at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. After school at Selwyn House, I used to go over to the Museum and do homework in his office and have his friend



John Cleghorn

(Group of Seven artist) Arthur Lismer come by and advise me on how to really do cartoon work.

**VERITAS:** This is an interesting twist. Usually we hear about the banker who wants his son to follow in his footsteps but the son wants to be an artist. This time we have it the other way around.

**CLEGHORN:** That's right. My father had studied accounting and it gave him both sides. He was a business manager at what is today Sir Wilfred Laurier, but he also started a fine arts course there. He was business manager at the Chantecler Hotel, but he also painted their murals in the different rooms they had. His business and artistic backgrounds were perfectly matched for the Montreal Museum.

I was born in Montreal. My family lived in several different places before moving back here in 1950. I was enrolled in Loyola School in Snowdon, where there were roughly fifty kids to a class. My parents thought it would be better, scholastically, if I were to try a place where there were smaller classes and also a balance of athletics, which certainly was the case at Selwyn House. I really enjoyed it. It helped to improve my study habits while allowing me to play on three different hockey teams at the same time.

**VERITAS:** Do you feel now that attending Selwyn House helped you academically?



## John Cleghorn

**CLEGHORN:** For sure. I found the teachers a lot more interesting than in public school, especially when it came to history and geography. This was not even ten years after the end of the Second World War, and a lot of the teachers had actually been in the service. When they talked about history and the relevance of events and so on, you had a sense that they had been there and had a perspective on it.

Also, smaller classes definitely helped. It was better from a discipline point of view—you couldn't get away with as much, even though I tried. I remember Mr. Iversen, our math teacher, was very good at getting your attention with the missiles he would launch at us from time to time. But these were people you respected, too. When I would run into them years later, I found them to be good people to talk to. These were teachers you looked up to.

At the same time, Selwyn House had a very healthy balance of athletic activities. At a public school, you sort of had to pick that up in the community, with the park leagues and so on.

At Selwyn House, I found that whatever you were doing you were encouraged to do it well, in the classroom and in your sporting activities. My real interest was football, and when my family moved I was keen to go to a school where there was regular football, and that was the case at Westmount High. Selwyn House didn't have the programme at that time. But I would have liked to have stayed.

**VERITAS:** You seem to have established a rapport with, and a respect for, the teachers here. Do you feel your time at Selwyn House was beneficial at that stage in your life?

**CLEGHORN:** Definitely. I was in Form 2, which was the equivalent of Grade 5 or Grade 6, it was sort of a combination. I found that I was able to jump a grade once I went back into the public school system. I had, effectively, gone from Grade 6 in public school to Grade 6 at Selwyn House, and then when I went to Westmount High, I went straight into Grade 8 directly, rather than Grade 7.

Selwyn House really turned me around in terms of things scholastic. The balance of the physical and the cerebral was really outstanding. There was peer pressure, but there was also teacher pressure. You wanted to perform for them because you knew them.

A lot of my friends have sent their sons there. When we were living in Montreal for the third time, our son Ian was accepted at Selwyn House and I was really looking forward to his going there. But, unfortunately, we were transferred to Vancouver, so he never got the opportunity. And I would

have liked to have visited the School from time to time, having spent two years in the hallowed halls of Côte St. Antoine.

**VERITAS:** In a speech you gave last year to a Ketchum conference, you spoke of something you called "strategic philanthropy." This is an area you seem to be particularly involved in within the Bank. Could you define the term for us?

**CLEGHORN:** It's trying to pick some areas where the organization may have some common interest, as opposed to just hurling money indiscriminately out there. We try to

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pick and concentrate on those activities where the money can perhaps be more meaningful. Royal Bank employees can apply for a grant for something they're involved in. It might be simple, mundane activities in their local community; it could be Little League; it could be anything. As long as they've actually done the hours, then up to \$500 can be directed toward the activity that they've been participating in.

Another thing we've gotten involved in recently is our After-School Programmes, not at the schools themselves but in the community. I visited one last week in Cabbagetown in Toronto, where the Bank has been helpful financially in some events, with volunteers helping out as well. These are after-school programmes to keep kids off the streets and so on. The Bank will have fifty-five such programmes going by the end of this year, after starting from scratch a couple of years ago.

**VERITAS:** In the financial world, do you see any global, big-picture changes in the way in which we are doing things, where the world economy might be shifting?

**CLEGHORN:** Well, there's no question it's become more of a global business. The institutions themselves are much more North American than they were ten to fifteen years ago.

**VERITAS:** Meaning that Royal Bank is more involved outside Canada?

**CLEGHORN:** Well, we always have been. The people who founded this bank in Halifax in the late 1860s were merchants—it was called the Merchants' Bank of Halifax—and they weren't just local merchants, they were trading with the West Indies because that was part of the British Empire at that time, they were trading into the U.S., so we tended to follow the routes of our clients. So we started off in the 1860s, but we had established a major operation in Cuba, because of the sugar trade. We're in a number of the

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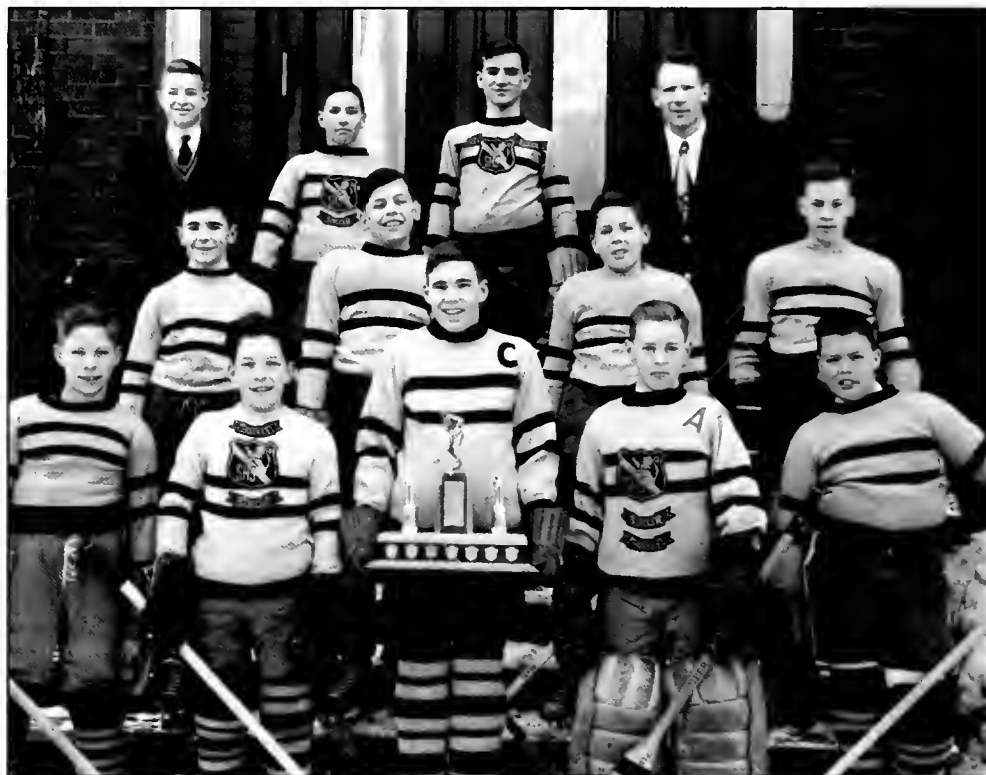
## John Cleghorn

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Caribbean Islands—we're the largest bank in the Bahamas, for example—and that goes back to the turn of the last century, down in through Latin America and so on.

Now, our activities have evolved. We have left many countries because, frankly, we couldn't justify the returns in staying there, so we did have quite a pruning back in the '80s, if you will. Other financial institutions were doing the same thing. But we've expanded what we do in the U.S., and what we do in Britain in the sense of our trading operations and bond operations.

One thing we've found is you can't be successful with everybody everywhere, so we kind of had to pick our spots where we have some kind of competitive advantage, where we've been able to build up some kind of scale, because there's a lot of competition. In fact, in financial services it's over capacity. In any industry that's over capacity, you really have to gauge what your organization does better than your competition. You can't be the mirror image of your competition any more. So you'll see the banks re-shaping themselves in Canada. Part of that is technology-driven. One of the advantages of scale or size is the ability to afford technology, and the reason you need to do that is because technology is changing so rapidly you don't always get it right, so you have to be able to afford research and development. R&D, by its very nature, is experimental. Smaller organizations are not able to afford the level of R&D that you need to stay in the forefront of the business, so today about fifteen per cent of our clients are active on the Internet with us, and that's from a standing start in terms of a few years ago. The same thing with ATMs. That started in the late '70s, and today people think of ATMs as commonplace. But at the same time, people like to go to branches, and it's not necessarily an age thing. I know lots of people in their 20s and 30s who like to go to a branch as part of what they do. Sometimes you want the personal touch. So what we have to do is figure that out by customer groups and by geographic locations, to make sure that, at the end of the day, we can make a decent return for our shareholders.



John Cleghorn, middle row, third from left, on the Selwyn House Senior Hockey team in 1954.

**VERITAS:** When the story broke about your retirement plans, the newspapers wrote that you intended to take up the banjo. Is this an instrument you've played before, or is this something new?

**CLEGHORN:** I've always liked banjo music, and my wife bought me a banjo for Christmas because I was always saying someday I'll take up the banjo. So probably as a hint about sticking to my game plan on retirement, she acquired this thing for me, so I've had a couple of lessons, but I won't be giving concerts in the short term.

**VERITAS:** What other plans do you have for retirement?

**CLEGHORN:** My family and I moved around a lot—I think we're in our thirteenth house now—so it's nice to look forward to spending some time at our place in the Townships. My wife likes to get there as soon as there's any hint of working in the garden.

I appreciate getting *Veritas*, and I read it. I'm interested in seeing the items on so many people. I still see some of the fellows that I was in Selwyn House with. Back in those days, we used to either play hockey together or study together or go to Dominion Douglas movies together. These days I see them around town or in different parts of the country.

*Mr. Cleghorn's retirement became effective July 31, 2001. •*

## Old Boys' Association welcomes new members



On June 12, sixty-three members of the Class of 2001 were inducted into the Selwyn House Old Boys' Association. Eight graduates volunteered to be class representatives, forming a liaison between the Association and their fellow graduates. The new class representatives for the Class of 2001, pictured above, are, from left: Hayden Bernstein, Tom Evans, Youssef Mekhael, Tom Constantinescu, Adam Rozenewaig, Roberto Brunetti, and Rayan Kaedbey. Missing from the photo is Thomas Hatzithomas.

In the photo at right, Robert Anderson receives his Class photo and Old Boy tie from William Daly, outgoing president of the Old Boys' Association.

These newest Old Boys are encouraged to visit the SHS Web site and add their e-mail addresses to the Alumni Directory. This service allows Old Boys to get in touch with one another and also stay in touch with the School. On the Web site at [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca), all Old Boys can check the Alumni Page for dates of upcoming events.

Old Boys are also urged to send any news about their post-SHS lives and careers to *Veritas* magazine. They are also invited to attend SHS reunions, either at the School or at one of the satellite reunions in other cities, and to take part in various events throughout the year, such as the annual Hockey Tournament, Tennis Tournament, and Golf Tournament and, as always, we encourage them to give back to the School by participating in our fundraising campaigns.



# Old Boy meets New World Order

*In which our intrepid photographer gets gassed at the Summit of the Americas*

Story and photos by  
Thomas Königsthal, Jr. '74

The Summit of The Americas in Quebec City. A big event in a calm city. I had to see this for myself.

I woke up on the morning of April 21, 2001, feeling the effects of the night before—good food, great wine. I had spent most of the week talking about this Summit thing, trying to follow in the media what was happening. The spin doctors were working overtime, and I wanted to get an accurate taste of the real thing. Most of my closest friends knew that I was on a rant and intended to get my nose dirty.

I rumbled into the shower and managed to revive myself, mess with what was left of my hair, and, satisfied that I was wearing “protest garb,” threw my face into breakfast.

I packed the essentials: Gatorade, camera with wide lens, a fistful of film, and cell phone. I had no idea what to expect. A few hours later, I rolled into Quebec City and started to see police along the bridges, just waiting in their cars. Otherwise, everything looked normal. People going about their Saturday as usual. What about the protests? My closest experience with real protests was on video. I still had no idea.

Less than a kilometre later, I saw protesters, albeit quiet ones, milling about. Driving past them, I came face to face with my goal: a lot of police, dressed in what I could only describe as military garb, looking menacing—great! Did I mention I was a photographer? Put a camera in my hands and a normally shy guy rushes in where wise men fear to tread. But, about this kind of situation, I was to discover that I was very naive.

I buckled on my knapsack, loaded my camera, tasted my warm Gatorade and set off with really no idea of what I was to experience.

Within 500 feet, I saw the first line of police, standing beside a large chain-link fence, motionless, clubs (real big ones) and shields. A group of teenage girls were playing beanbag within ten feet of them, with the odd adult milling about. What was the reason for all this security? In an hour I was to find out that 300 feet away, it was tear gas central.

The first line of protesters I met were a real blend of young and old. Some wore red bandanas soaked in vinegar. Apparently, this helps dilute the effects of rear gas. What rear gas?



Protesters and bystanders avoid an onslaught of tear gas.

The crowd around me was less threatening than bargain seekers on Boxing Day. No chanting, just the occasional placard demanding democracy and an open forum for the talks that were going on about two kilometres away. What did I drive this far for?

Behind all this passive expression, I finally figured out that the distant popping sounds were tear gas launchers. I know policemen in the SQ—great guys, family men with lawn mowers, who go to the body shop and curse potholes. But these guys were something different. They were everywhere, dressed for what looked like a war, shoulder to shoulder and moving about in closed units, never leaving their flanks exposed. But, against whom?

Within an hour, the blockade of riot guys closest to us started slowly moving back, allowing the bean-baggers and me to mingle with those riot police who were taking a break from the day's mounting heat. We, the silent protesters, walked amongst the on-break guys, sometimes meeting their eyes but never exchanging words. Two groups, absolutely focused on each other without any communication.

Without realizing it, we had walked into *the* hot spot, in front of what was to later become the scene of the worst rioting of the week. It took about twenty minutes before I noticed a very weird peppery smell in the air, something that smelled like an electrical fire with a cayenne pepper edge. It burned your eyes and lips. Tear gas.

I walked about, chatting with the neighbourhood residents, mostly very educated and informed types who could not understand the heavy-handedness of the security forces. It was like swatting bugs with a hammer. Suddenly, a mass of humanity started to run past us. I realized that the

## Konigsthal in Quebec City

wall of white smoke that was slowly wafting over us was tear gas in a very concentrated form. It stung like hell. We had to close our eyes and try not to breathe. At first it was strangely exhilarating.

Why were we being blasted again and again with this gas? I watched from a distance as the better-equipped protesters hurled tear gas canisters back at the police who had launched them. The crowds just watched. At one point, a group of dull-witted guys started screaming that the police were pigs and that we must crush them, yada yada yada.

Onlookers yelled back that the police had children, too, and were not the target. Almost every time someone broke a window, the crowd booed loudly. Nevertheless, the police stood their ground and kept launching tear gas into peaceful crowds of kids to get them to move back.

I was stupid enough to walk within ten feet of the main wall where water cannon and plastic bullets had been flying moments earlier. There were media trucks that had had their windows smashed and been spray-painted. Everyone had gas masks on. Behind his gas mask, I recognized a CBC photographer friend who was covering the event. He had run right behind protesters who rushed the police at one point, raking pictures all the way, falling victim to tear gas that even his mask couldn't filter out.

I watched an old man limp up to the fence that the police were defending, his sad eyes proud and defiant, his moment of protest being taped by cameramen. He was dressed in a cheap, frayed suit and tie, holding a sign that read "Humanity Before Politics." Within fifteen seconds, from behind the fence, the police launched three canisters of tear gas at him. The old man just stood there, covered in powder, somehow not reeling from the gas that sent me and everyone else scrambling. He turned around and I saw that his eyes were closed and his already-unsteady gait was losing momentum. A teenage girl, dressed like a '60s peacenik, ran towards him, said something to him and led him away from this shame. The old man had tears streaming off his face, his lips trembling.

A young protester who had given me a cloth to protect myself from the tear gas, ran up to me and suggested that I move out of the area, because the police were gathering behind a building and he suspected that they were going to do something very soon. Before he could finish his



The riot squad primed for action.

explanation, he yelled "They're coming!" I looked and, sure enough, two large groups of policemen were running toward each other, in an apparent attempt to close off this section of the grounds. I just ran like mad, realizing that, if I didn't, I would be cut off from the rest of the crowd, and I didn't want to get arrested. The action seemed to move in slow motion, with the two riot squads moving closer to one another like two cars on a collision course at an intersection. I ran for about 200 feet before I realized that I wasn't going to make it. Almost upon them now, I just decided to keep going and try to run through the line of riot police that had now cut off my exit. But they, too, were still running, so I more or less leapt through them. One of the policemen took a swing at me with his shield and hit me on the arm. It hurt.

Past the danger point, I slowed down, but my heart was pounding, and I couldn't breathe. I was rattled. What had just happened?

As I walked, my heart slowed down, the nervous crowds thinned out, and within four blocks indifference had resumed its hold on the people in the restaurant terraces. I felt like crying.

The action behind me just kept on and, as the sun set, bonfires and noise took the place of the sounds of a sunny Saturday afternoon in the heart of Quebec City. The worst was yet to happen.

In all, 5,708 tear gas canisters were used on the crowds. Arrests were made, people were hit with plastic bullets. There were those who were not innocent. I saw them with headsets on, dressed in black. A photographer friend spent three days disguised as one of them, shooting pictures with a hidden camera. He knew that if he had been found out, he would have had a major problem on his hands. They were mostly American students who took pleasure in what they were doing.

I limped back to my well-parked car, safe from the hysteria that I couldn't fathom. I felt disgust at those who had come to destroy, and sorrow for those who had naively come to protest in peace—the helplessness they felt as the future of humanity was being negotiated by persons they did not trust.

I drove back to Montreal in the dark, listening to a radio station describe the escalation of violence at the scene I had just left.

I hoped the old man was OK.



# Old Boys make gains in CFL

By Richard Wills, Editor

Last June 28 was an exciting day for SHS football coach Mike Maurovich. On that day, the teams of two of his former students, Tim Fleiszer and Ben Wearing, went head to head at Molson Stadium in the first exhibition game of the Canadian Football League season.

Tim Fleiszer '92 is now in his second year with the Montreal Alouettes, his fourth year in the pros. Four years ago he was first overall draft choice in the CFL. At that time, the 6'4" 260-pound defensive tackle went to the Hamilton Tiger Cats, where he played two years, then became a free agent, signing with Montreal last year.

"He was an outstanding performer on the special team, and he started a couple of games on the defensive line," notes Maurovich, who has been following Fleiszer's career ever since he coached him in football at SHS.

"This year he's forecast to be the starter on defensive line, and also, again, an outstanding special team player.

"On June 28, Tim played most of the game at defensive tackle," recalls Maurovich. "From my point of view, he looked great. He had great takeoff, his pass rush was solid, and he looked very comfortable. I think it makes a difference when you're in your second year with a team."

Also in the game that day was CFL rookie Ben Wearing, who graduated from SHS in 1994. After two years at Brown University and two with the McGill Redmen, the 6'1" 199-pound receiver was the Winnipeg Blue Bombers' first choice in this year's College Draft. Since signing with Winnipeg, Wearing has been kept on the practice roster, which means he is on salary and trains with the team, but during the regular season he is called onto the field only if one of the regular players is forced out by an injury. In an exhibition game, however, Wearing gets his fair share of game time.

"Ben looked good on the 28th, also," says Maurovich. "He played all the specialty teams and he looked very comfortable on the football field—maybe because it was his old field from his university days."

"I felt it could have gone better," Wearing says of the game, "but I had a bunch of friends and family out, and it was nice to play in front of them. It was definitely neat to play in Montreal. I've been going to those games for a while now, so it was good to finally be on the field. Now, hopefully, I can do the same in a regular-season game."

Maurovich figures Wearing has been relegated to the practice roster mostly as a result of a "numbers game." "It's basically due to the fact that Winnipeg decided to go with five receivers instead of the standard six," he says. "They're



Ben Wearing with the Blue Bombers.

one below the quota—they only have one sub—so what it looks like is they've loaded up that position with all Americans. The CFL has its quotas, it's a 19-17 American-Canadian type thing."

Maurovich coached Wearing for two years in Senior Football, as well as in hockey, rugby and football all through his Middle and Senior School years. "He was an outstanding hockey player at the School and a truly outstanding football player. He went on to excel in prep school, and then I got him back when I coached at McGill, where he was an All-Canadian and an outstanding university player. He led McGill in all sorts of offensive categories in the last couple of years—one of the best receivers in the country in university football."

Wearing is philosophical about being kept on the practice roster. "It could be better," he

admits, "but at least I wasn't sent home. They're working me hard, but I don't travel with the team unless there has been an injury in the prior game. I want the team to win, but I'm always hoping for a little injury to get me in and give me an opportunity.

"It's tough to keep your mind on it when you're used to playing all the time," he adds, "but I'm pretty confident I can play in the League, and it feels good getting paid for something I like to do. I work about five hours a day, three or four times a week, so it gives me some time for other things. It's my first year, so we'll see where it goes.

"If I end up staying on the practice roster for the whole year, I won't mind it. If it happens again next year, I'll probably get on with the rest of my life, but I think I have a good opportunity to make the team. If it doesn't happen that I get into a game this year, I'll definitely put on a show next year."

"Back when Ben and I played hockey together I tried to take him under my wing a little bit," says Fleiszer. "It really makes me happy to see guys like him who have gone on and done really well.

"He's a rookie and a third-round draft pick and it's impressive that he was able to go in there and make the team, because sometimes the odds are a little stacked against you. But he's got his foot in the door and now he just needs to wait and be patient. Eventually he's going to get his opportunity to get on the field and when he does he's just got to go out and shine. And I know he will."

Both Wearing and Fleiszer give high marks to the Selwyn House athletics programme for giving them the well-rounded skills they needed to make it into pro sports. "The Selwyn House coaching staff is top-notch," says

## Old Boys in CFL

Wearing. "To be involved in other sports throughout the season fuelled my competitive need. The coaches were great in development and I think it all turned out for the best."

Fleiszer also credits SHS coaches for giving their students a solid grounding in the basic fundamentals of sports. "When you take the game from the high school level to the professional level, it's still the same game," he points out. "The same fundamental rules apply. Sometimes at the professional level you can start to get away from the fundamentals. That's something that the defensive line practises every single day—the fundamentals are drilled into you. So I'm very strong in that area and that's something that I brought with me from Selwyn House."

As well, both of these Old Boys say the School gave them a healthy balance of athletics and academics. "After Selwyn House I went to Choate and Harvard," says Fleiszer, "and when you go to schools of that academic calibre, you need to be able to balance academics and athletics, and Selwyn House certainly prepared me in that realm."

"Guys like Mike Maurovich, Steve Mitchell, Tom Nicoll and Alfie Paoletti had a profound impact on my life, not just as coaches but as personal mentors."

"Selwyn House laid my foundation for everything, both athletically and academically, as well as personally," Fleiszer continues. "I have very, very strong feelings for the place, a tremendous sense of pride in having graduated from the School. I always keep track of what the sports teams are doing, and, of course, we're always in the top of all the academic competitions."

Fleiszer feels he began to hit his season stride a bit more when Winnipeg and Montreal faced off again for their first regular-season game on July 20. "It was the first game I've started as a pro, and it went really well," he says. "I had five tackles. The coaches seemed pretty happy."

Fleiszer has one more year left on his contract with the Alouettes, and says he is really enjoying being in Montreal for the present. "Things are going very smoothly," he says. "We have our sights firmly set on the Grey Cup. We realize the game is going to be here in Montreal, and we have every intention of being in it. The last time we had a really good party for a sports team in Montreal was back in 1993 when the Canadiens won the Stanley Cup, so I feel the city's really overdue, and we'd love to be able to bring the city another parade down St. Catherine Street."

Maurovich says it was "a real treat" to see two SHS Old



Tim Fleiszer with the Montreal Alouettes.

Boys in action on the CFL field. "I was particularly proud. Both players were great players as youngsters, and maintained a great work ethic. I'm happy to see that it all paid off. And they're both good human beings—they put back into their community and they understand academics and athletics and how it all ties in together. Tim went to Harvard. And the fact that he was selected first overall in the CFL is outstanding, but he's got a Harvard education as well, and Ben's got a McGill education. Both boys are very bright and dedicated. You feel good about it, because that's what I preach: you use athletics as another means of getting to the school of your choice and get your degree. And these guys are perfect examples of that. They have the world at their feet. Where else are you going to be able to play games, and at the

same times make contacts and practise your chosen area of study?"

"Our small school has produced a lot of university football players over my 18 years as head coach," Maurovich points out. "These are two of many who have had pro tryouts and have gone on to professional careers. Our first guy drafted, in 1991, was Hagen Mehnert ('84) by the Ottawa Rough Riders. He was one of the first kids I ever coached at Selwyn House. Later on we've had kids like Paul Roman ('84) and Jason Tsadilas ('88), who have had pro tryouts. There's a forecast that, next year, one of our great players from our football programme, Chris Gayton ('94), might go in the NFL draft, or he might go first overall in the CFL draft, and if that happens next year we'll have two guys who were drafted first overall. We may have as many as three players playing pro football next year. And there's more to come. It does speak well of our programme, and it does speak well of what we try to do."

Maurovich points to the pool of talent among Selwyn House students as being the reason so many of the School's football players have gone on to greater things after Selwyn House.

"This summer we have a Montreal Metro team of high school players under 17 years of age from the Greater Montreal region, and seven Selwyn House players who will graduate next year made that team," he points out. "So, there's still a lot of talent in the School. We work hard with those guys, and Fleiszer and Wearing are just what's visible, but I'm happy for those two guys. They bought in; they believe in themselves, and I hope Winnipeg takes Ben off the practice roster because I've watched the team play now, and they could use him in the game."

## SECONDARY SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING JUNE 19, 2001

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Prof. Stephen J. Toope

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1st, Stefan Luu

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3rd, Mani Alaei

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2nd, Shawn Errunza

3rd, Justin Tan

#### Grade 9

1st, Michael Woloszyk

2nd, Jaryd Zummer

3rd, Scott McMurray

#### Grade 10

1st, James McKinney

2nd, Rob Campbell

3rd, Keith Martin

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& Andy Rosenhek

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& Luke Reid

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Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas

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*Graduating Class*

Robert Hinrichsen – 6A



## Valedictory speech

By Thomas Constantinescu, Head Prefect

I would like to begin by thanking all of the parents, relatives, friends, and guests for attending this ceremony today. Our gratitude to our parents for exposing us to this Selwyn community is boundless. I would also like to thank the teachers and school staff for their effort, and commitment to helping bring us to this important moment in our lives.

Today, I would like to speak to you about how our involvement in everyday activities often causes us to overlook many important aspects of our lives. We are so preoccupied with what we do, that we seldom stop to reflect on or enjoy the essence of our activities.

Let's just look back on the last month of school. With the end of the term and our final exams, thinking about the significance of our time at Selwyn was not one of our main concerns, even though our time left at the school was quickly winding down. Now that the year is done, I invite all my classmates to look back on our Selwyn years and to reflect upon a few things that we have not had enough time to think about.

The Class of 2001 is a very diverse group. Aside from pure academics, some of us enjoy athletics, music, and many of us take part in other extra-curricular activities as well. Over the years, we've made significant achievements as a group. Whether it's been in writing competitions, math contests, science fairs, debating tournaments, concerts or athletic championships, our grade has accumulated many honours in our time at Selwyn. These successes have brought us closer and will remain a bright part of our Selwyn days. We've spent an important part of our lives here and many of us have made strong friendships. Some of us have been here for a few years, some for the full eleven. In any case, we've spent a good part of our teenage years in this school, probably more than at home with our families. I'm sure every one of us will keep fond memories of our time spent here together.

A group of dedicated people that have played a much larger role in our lives than we realize now, are our teachers. We've all had our share of great teachers from whom we have learned a lot. By learning, I don't just mean the effort of continually opening doors in the universe of knowledge. I refer to the word "learning" as one that describes what we gained from our studies and our everyday life in the school. Of course this includes many textbooks' worth of



Thomas Constantinescu, Head Prefect,  
Class of 2001

knowledge, but it also includes the formation of our characters and personalities, which is far more important. We've learned to respect each other; we've learned proper techniques for doing things, how to be organized, and how to deal with difficult or stressful situations. It's in these early years that we shaped ourselves the most for life, and we will carry this part of our education into our future, beyond Selwyn House. For this, teachers, we Grade Elevens are truly grateful, although we didn't thank you enough at times.

We've taken a good look into our years at Selwyn so far. But what about our future? After all, next year will be very different from the experience we're accustomed to here. We'll meet new people and change our horizons. Although we shall all take on fairly different paths from

here, there is one thing that I believe should follow us throughout our further studies and eventual careers, and that is to try to make an impact in the things we do. We should find what we are best at and how we can be most useful to our families and to society.

Pleasant or not, we'll mostly remember the situations that marked us, those which became significant to us. Fortunately, we have a lot of fine things to remember about this school: our teachers and mentors, their smiles and rewards for our hard work. We'll also remember their frowns, when we did not do that well. We'll surely remember the guidance and firm push towards high academic achievement, the camaraderie, and the warmth of this place called Selwyn House. If there is one thing though that I may say we missed, it's having girls at the school! It wouldn't have hurt! I must confess that I'm not absolutely sure about that, but this is my opinion, at this moment in my seventeen year-old life.

Now, after so much effort and hard work to finish our studies here, and in a burning need of a vacation, it's probably hard to realize what it means...not to be back next fall. Every one of us will go his separate way and I hope we will meet again, many times. But, even if this will not be so, all of us will carry in his trip through life the beautiful armour of education and character with which this great school has invested us. This will be impossible to forget.

As a parting thought, I wish all my classmates, as well as those who'll come after us, happiness and the best of luck in their endeavours.



## CLASS OF 2001 POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

Eric Aberman	Marianopolis	Commerce
Robert Anderson	Dawson	Cinema & Communications
Ilia Auerbach-Ziogas	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Samuel Avrith	Neuchâtel	Grade 12
Carlo Bellini	Brébeuf	Pure & Applied Science
Hayden Bernstein	Dawson	Social Science
Patrick Bruce	Marianopolis	Liberal Arts
Roberto Brunetti	Marianopolis	Liberal Arts
Christopher Bryson	Lower Canada College	Grade 12
Patrick Chuang	Dawson	Pure & Applied Science
Christopher Churchill-Smith	Tabor Academy	Grade 11
Andrew Cleland	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Thomas Robert Connolly	Dawson	Pure & Applied Science
Thomas Constantinescu	Marianopolis	Health Science
James Di Miele	Marianopolis	Social Science
Alexandre Ducharme	Marianopolis	Arts & Letters
Thomas Evans	Marianopolis	Music/Pure & Applied Science
Christopher Fanaberia	John Abbott	Natural Science

## POST-SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

Jordan Feil	Marianopolis	Commerce
Steven Frankel	Dawson	Liberal Arts
Geoffrey Garbarino	Neuchâtel	Grade 12
Adrian Gaty	St. Paul's School	Grade 11
Samuel Grover	Marianopolis	Health Science
Patrick Guest	John Abbott	Creative Arts/Media Arts
Thomas Hatzithomas	Marianopolis	Commerce
Matthew Hendy	Dawson	Liberal Arts
Timothy Howick	Dawson	Social Science
Alexander Hrycyk	Lower Canada College	Grade 12
Rayan Kaedbey	Marianopolis	Health Science
Faris Karim	Tabor Academy	Grade 11
Bruce Kelly	Dawson	Cinema & Communications
Robert Kwee	Marianopolis	Commerce
Stephane Levy	St. Paul's School	Grade 11
Jon-Ian Lui	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Elias Mantis	Marianopolis	Social Science
Youssef Mekhael	Brébeuf	Commerce
Philipp Menzel	Interlochen Arts Academy	Grade 11
Christopher Merritt	John Abbott	Social Science
Alan Murgita	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Christopher Nacos	Dawson	Liberal Arts
Jonas Naimark	Dawson	Cinema & Communications
Christopher Newlove	Dawson	Pure & Applied Science
Eric Ordonselli	Dawson	Commerce
Luke Reid	Dawson	Liberal Arts
Adam Rozencwajg	Lower Canada College	Grade 12
Stefano Salvo	Marianopolis	Social Science
Philip Schaffer	Neuchâtel	Grade 12
Marc Schwarz	Lower Canada College	Grade 12
Michael Shadeed	Marianopolis	Social Science
Trevor Shannon	Loomis Chaffee School	Grade 11
Kyam Shell-Schnitzer	Lower Canada College	Grade 12
Keith Simmons	Dawson	Social Science
Andrew Sniderman	Dawson	Honours Health Science
Marc St-Germain	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Stojan Stojanovski	John Abbott	S.T.E.P. Science
Mitchell Sweibel	Taft School	Grade 11
Humberto Tang	Dawson	Pure & Applied Science
Shawn Trudeau	Lower Canada College	Grade 12
Brian Walker	The American University of Paris	Arts
Jeremy Whitworth	Dawson	Social Science
Daniel Wilner	Hotchkiss School	Grade 11
Andrew Wong	Marianopolis	Pure & Applied Science
Nicolas Zaharia	Dawson	Pure & Applied Science

## NEWS

# Old Boys' Golf Tournament raises \$29,600

By William H. Daly '52, Old Boys' Association President



Above SHS English teacher Pat Shannon tees off. Below left, Men's Low Gross winner John Liddy sizes up a putt. Below centre, Hagen Mehnert '84 keeps his eye on the ball. Below right, Nancy Fitzpatrick tees off.



The third annual Selwyn House Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament raised \$29,600 for the School's endowment fund.

On Monday, May 28th, our golf tournament was held at one of Canada's oldest golf courses, the Kanawaki Golf Club, built in 1914.

Members of the Golf Tournament Organizing Committee welcomed all Old Boys, friends, parents and suppliers as they arrived for a round of golf at 1:30 p.m.

After a delicious buffet lunch, each foursome was escorted to its appropriate tee to await the "shotgun" to start the round.

Early in the round there was a short delay due to a sudden thunderstorm. After about ten wet minutes, the storm moved on, the sun came out and all golfers completed a wonderful day on a very fine layout.

All golfers were off the course by

5:30 p.m., and enjoyed meeting and talking to their friends and teachers over a drink before dinner.

Dinner was called at 7:30 p.m., and a delicious meal of shrimp salad, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, apple strudel and coffee was served.

After coffee and dessert, the Old Boys presented Will Mitchell with a cheque for \$29,600, to help provide financial assistance for students attending SHS. Prizes were then presented to the tournament winners, followed by a raffle.

The evening's festivities concluded at 9:40 p.m. with Tournament Committee Chairman William Daly expressing everyone's appreciation to the sponsors for their generous support, thanking all the participants for coming and inviting everyone to come back next year for the fourth annual tournament, tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 27, 2002.



## Old Boys' Golf Tournament

### Tournament Prize Winners

Men's Low Gross (75) – John Liddy

Ladies' Low Gross (83) – Nancy Layton

Team Low Gross (120) – Peter Morton '70, Phil Dixon, Michael Whitworth,  
John Liddy

Old Boy Low Gross (77) – Tim Fitzpatrick '77

Closest to the Hole – Ladies, Nancy Layton; Men, Mark Friedman

Longest Drive – Ladies, Nancy Fitzpatrick; Men, Karel Nemec '79

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At right, the SHS Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament Committee. From left to right: Michael Avedesian '88; Peter Higgins '89; Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations; Yan Besner '96; Suzanne MacCulloch, current parent; Robert Fagnoli '95; William Daly '52, Old Boys' Association President and Golf Committee Chairman; Barry MacDonald, alumni parent; Craig Shannon '71, current parent; Judy Martin, current parent; and Mark Culver '74. Absent: Clive Hooton '73; Ann Vroom, Advancement Office Consultant and alumni parent.



## Old Boys' Golf Tournament



Above left, Old Boy Low Gross winner Tim Fitzpatrick '77 with Old Boys' Association President William Daly '52.

Above right, Mr. Daly with winning foursome Peter Morton '70, Phil Dixon, Michael Whitworth and John Liddy. At right, Mr. Daly with Ladies' Low Gross winner Nancy Layton.



Far right, Mr. Daly with Tournament Sponsor Vincent Guzzo '86 of Cinémas Guzzo. Below, Tournament Sponsors from the firm of Brockhouse Cooper: Ryan Loader '93, Jamie Ritchie '88, Geoff Adams '83, Michael Avedesian '88, Patrick McEntyre '92, and Andrew Horn '92.





# Papich and Lumsden take Tennis Tournament

By Sharon Cozens, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations



A great evening was had on May 22 at the Hillside Tennis Club where 15 Old Boys and a few tennis-playing staff members met for an evening round-robin and dinner.

The players this year ranged from the Class of 1951 to the Class of 1996, but youth was not necessarily an advantage. The team of Filip Papich '77 and faculty member Andy Lumsden won the doubles tournament in style despite accusations that these two organizers had "fixed" the teams.

The rain held off, the play was fast and furious, the dinner was delicious and the table discussion most enthusiastic.

Above left, Michael Martin and Greg Raikes in action on the court. Above, Filip Papich (left) and partner Andrew Lumsden receive the winners' plate. Below, the participants. Back row from left: Yan Besner '96, Greg Raikes '89, and Charles Mappin '80. Middle row: Tim Carsley '52, William Daly '52, Michael Martin '66, Andrew Lumsden (staff), Colin Ross '51, and William Mitchell (staff). Kneeling: Ted Claxton '73, James Boxer '90, Bryan Fitzpatrick '74, Filip Papich '77, and Tim Fitzpatrick '77. Absent from photo: David Barer '71.



# Jazz Storm hits Italy

By Keith Martin, 10A

From March 10 to 20, Jazz Storm, a combination of the Selwyn House Senior Jazz Band and the ECS Jazz Choir, travelled in a land far, far away from our own. We were on tour in Italy, the land of good food, good music, and good taste. We arrived in Milan and made our way to Verona, where we saw an ancient amphitheatre and a balcony where Romeo is supposed to have wooed Juliet. Then it was on to Venice, where we saw the Grand Canal and St. Mark's Basilica. In Padova, outside Venice, we were scheduled to play our first concert in a cozy little piazza, but the weather turned against us and the rain drowned our hopes.

We travelled on to Florence, where the Doge's Palace and Ponte Vecchio made for a pleasant visit. Here we were scheduled to play on a large piazza overlooking the city. When we arrived at the site in late afternoon, the area was bustling with people strolling and shopping, so we expected a good crowd that evening. However, when we had set up and checked everything and the time had come to play, much of our potential audience had left the piazza. Although we were disappointed not to play for more people, our musicians and singers gave it their all.

It was then on to Rome, our final destination. Here, the

ruins of the Roman Empire, such as the Coliseum and the Forum, could be seen everywhere. We were scheduled to perform here, but upon our arrival it was discovered that the venue was too small for our forty-member ensemble, so the show was cancelled.

A special and unexpected side-trip was a visit to the Canadian Embassy in Rome where Ambassador Robert Fowler (a SHS student from the Class of '59) and his staff graciously welcomed us. The Ambassador, newly assigned to Rome from his post at the UN, spoke to us about the path he took which led him to his interesting career, and offered advice to those of us interested in pursuing a life of diplomatic service. Ambassador Fowler also informed us of the services the embassy offers to travelling or re-located Canadians, as well as many facts about Italy. After refreshments and thanking the Ambassador for his time, we moved on to visit another well-known destination of Canadian travellers, The Vatican. We were amused that in one day we had technically been on the soil of three different countries: Italy, the Vatican City, and Canada!

From a performance perspective, the trip was less than we had hoped for. However, the experience of being in Italy was quite a pleasure, one that none of us will soon forget.



Jazz Storm meets Robert Fowler, Canada's Ambassador to Italy and an SHS Old Boy of the Class of 1959.



# SHS speakers take 2nd and 4th at Worlds

By Luke Reid, Class of 2001

**"T**he World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Competition."

The name itself has a daunting ring to it. One assumes that the best public speakers and debaters in the world will be present, and, at this year's World championships, this was most certainly true. Held at Queen Anne's School in Reading, England, from March 27 to April 1, the tournament played host to students from Cyprus, Argentina, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and Italy.

I, my teammate Daniel Wilner, 11C, and coach Ms. Kathi Biggs (with honorary coach and excellent travel mate, Mr. Biggs), arrived at Heathrow Airport early on Tuesday, March 27, with only one thing on our minds: sleep. Though we knew we would be unwise to prolong our sleep deprivation any further, we promptly left for a fabulous tour of London. Having seen Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, London Bridge, the River Thames, the Tower of London and a myriad of architectural marvels built by Christopher Wren, we all got serious and finally slept on the forty-five minute bus ride to Reading.

Billed by a fantastic host family, Daniel and I woke up the following morning well rested and ready for three consecutive rounds of gruelling competition. Each competitor at the Worlds participated in four categories: debating, impromptu speaking, interpretive reading, and a choice between either persuasive speaking or after-dinner speaking. Dan chose after-dinner, as he is naturally comical and witty, while I chose persuasive. In the preliminaries, the students compete in two rounds of each of their respective categories. This period of competition was dragged out over three extremely stressful—albeit fun—days.

We competed in the mornings. In the afternoons, Ms. Biggs, ever full of fresh and exciting ideas, took us and her husband on a variety of outings. As the other students sat woefully at home, we were given the rare opportunity to see the splendid architecture of Oxford, just forty-five minutes from Reading, as well as the quaint beauty of a lovely country town called Henley.

After the preliminaries were complete, the tournament organizer, in an attempt to build suspense, decided to have a full-day excursion to the lovely town of Bath, thus delaying the announcement of results for twenty four hours. But it was worth it! As we walked around town,



Luke Reid (left) and Daniel Wilner with their coach, SHS English teacher Kathi Biggs.

accompanied by friends we had made from all around the world, we took in the sights of more splendid architecture. To top the day off, we toured not only a costume museum, but also the exquisite Roman baths for which the town is named. Founded on the site of a hot spring, these baths were used by the Romans some 2,000 years ago.

The next day, the names of the finalists were read out in the dining room. The finalists are the top eight to twelve competitors in each category. While the preliminary rounds decide the overall speaker rankings, the finals determine the winners in the individual categories. Dan qualified in an impressive three finals out of four: interpretive reading, debating, and after-dinner speaking. I made two: interpretive

reading and persuasive speaking. In fact, every member of the Canadian team, which consisted of twelve competitors, made it into at least one final. Sam Walker, a Selwyn House Old Boy now attending St. Paul's in the U.S., made three finals as well.

For scheduling reasons, the organizers cancelled the Grand Finals (wherein the top two or four competitors deliver speeches in front of everyone) in persuasive speaking and interpretive reading. However, the Grand Finals for debating, impromptu, and after-dinner were still taking place. Daniel qualified for the Grand Finals in both debating and after-dinner. So, while he foamed and raved, I wine and dined, enjoying the festive banquet and brilliant atmosphere.

Following the Grand Finals, the winners were announced. Placing third in debating, second in after-dinner and first (winning the whole category) in interpretive reading, Daniel finished an incredible second overall at the tournament. After winning the persuasive speaking category, I placed fourth overall. It is interesting to note that, out of the potential five first-place awards, three were taken by either current or former Selwyn House students, as Sam Walker finished first place in debating. Another interesting fact is that the Canadians took home fourteen out of the fifteen awards handed out.

All in all, this trip was a fantastic experience. The success of this year's public speaking team can most surely be attributed to the amazing coaching skills and incredible determination of Ms. Biggs, from whom Daniel and I have learned the true meaning of "constructive criticism."

1918

**Senator Hartland Molson** who served with the RCAF during the Battle of Britain in World War II, and was president of Dominion Skyways, recently became one of the first twelve people to be named to the Quebec Air and Space Hall of Fame.

1943

**Elliott Carlisle** is now retired and living in Western Massachusetts. He says that, outside of seeing **John Hallward '43** now and then, he hasn't had much contact with Selwyn House since he graduated in 1942. After SHS, he graduated from Trinity College School, Port Hope in 1944; graduated with his BA from McGill in 1948; worked in industry in Canada and the US for fourteen years; received his MBA from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 1963; received a PhD from the University of Michigan in 1966; and worked as Professor of Management at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, from 1966 to 1994.

1961

**Peter M. Wright** is a partner with Alston & Bird, which, with approximately 700 lawyers, is one of the biggest law firms in the United States. He concentrates on tax-exempt bond law, especially financing of health care and housing facilities and related corporate, tax, and securities matters. After graduating from SHS and LCC (where he was first in his class and got first class honors in the Junior Matrics.), Peter graduated with an A.B., magna cum laude, from the University of Georgia in 1967, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received a J.D., magna cum laude, from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1972. He is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers and has served as a member of its Board of Directors, as the chairman of its Committee on State Blue Sky Laws and as a member of the Steering Committee of the Bond Attorneys Workshop. Mr. Wright is a 1968 graduate of the U.S. Naval Officers' Candidate School, where he was designated a Distinguished Naval

Graduate by the Secretary of the Navy, and served in the U.S. Atlantic fleet aboard a destroyer for two years, his final grade being Lieutenant.

He left Alston & Bird in April to become the in-house general counsel and V.P. of a company he founded some thirteen years ago, called Resource Healthcare of America, Inc. This company is a tax-exempt, charitable company that owns and operates over 100 facilities in ten states, including nursing homes, assisted living facilities, facilities for the care of the mentally retarded, student housing facilities, and low-income housing facilities. The company has grown from initial capitalization of \$500 to \$250M, and has about 5,000 employees.

1975

**Rhett Barrière**, who earned his BSc in physics at the University of Guelph, is currently owner and general manager of Folio Instruments Inc., a distributor of scientific instruments in Pointe Claire. He is single with one child, born in 1993, and is now restoring his 120-year-old farmhouse.

1976

**Chris Mather** writes to us from southern California, where he lives with his wife, Robin, and twin six-year-old boys. "Selwyn House was a big part of my life (Grades 4 through 11) and I really enjoy keeping in touch," he writes. In 1991 he completed ten years as a US Navy Carrier Pilot, flying the F/A-18 Hornet, graduating from Naval Fighter Weapons School (TopGun), and instructing aircraft-carrier landing skills. "Since then my flying has been a little less exciting, but more conducive to longevity," he says, now that he is a pilot for American Airlines.

1978

**Richard Blundel** writes to us from Milan, where he was unable to connect with the Selwyn House Jazz Band when they were on tour in Italy last spring. "It's really unfortunate that you will not be passing through Milan," he writes. "I would have very much enjoyed the opportunity to attend one



**Tim Winn '85** married **Ann Wynnyk** on March 24, 2001 at an outdoor wedding in Banff, with a honeymoon in Peru. Tim is the son of SHS Assistant Librarian **Lorraine Winn**, and brother of **David '88**. Tim and Ann now live in Calgary.

of the band's concerts. Unfortunately, I am busy with meetings in Switzerland and Rome. However, I very much appreciate you notifying me of the school's trip to Italy. I would appreciate if you could continue to notify me of other potential school visits to this part of the world."

1979

**Andrew Black** has been appointed president of Lego Systems, Inc., in Enfield, Connecticut.

1980

**Dr. Eugene Kovalik** and his wife became parents for the third time in April, with the birth of Christina-Teresa, sister to Elena-Rosa and Maria-Eugenia. She was born at Duke Medical Centre in Durham, North Carolina, where Eugene is Associate Professor of Medicine.

1981

**Brett Howard**, who graduated from Waterloo in 1982, now lives in Ottawa, where he started his own company, called TimeStep Corp., with two friends in 1991. He sold the company with 140 employees in 1999, and now works for the parent company, researching information security and cryptography.



Douglas Naudie '88 married Kristen Day in London, Ontario, December 30, 2000. Selwyn House graduates in attendance were (standing from left): John Mulder '88, Jonathan Feilding '89, Jamie Ritchie '88, Greg Raikes '89, Jason Tsadilas '88, and Peter Higgins '89. Seated: Chris Naudie '85, Douglas Naudie, Kristen Day, and Michael Avedesian '88.

Doug is the chief resident in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Western Ontario, and Kristen is an occupational therapist working in London. Their after-wedding plans were to work and travel in the US and Switzerland before returning to Canada.

Philippe de Leonardis is now working as International Sales Manager for the Caribe Royale Resort, located 2.5 kilometres from Walt Disney World. He invites any and all Old Boys in the area to call or stop by for a visit.

## 1983

Steven Penner has been living in Chicago for the past year, running a family business that manufactures and sells active apparel. He can be reached at avanti1954@aol.com.

## 1984

Charles Porteous is working at Bombardier's London office, helping start up a new division – Fractional Ownerships. He was married June 9 to Nicole Small (ECS).

## 1986

Paul Capombassis has, for the past three years, been working as a sales representative for an engineering software company called Parametric Technology Corp. He spent one year in Montreal, one year in Boston and

now has been promoted to VP of Sales and is stationed in England, where he has been for a year.

## 1986

Robert Emond is a lawyer in the Shanghai office of the international law firm Holman Fenwick and Willan, where he advises foreign companies on a broad range of commercial matters. Fluent in spoken and written Mandarin, he also represents several Asian clients with respect to their overseas commercial projects. "I started to become really curious about China when, as an articling lawyer fresh out of McGill University (Faculty of Law), I dealt with several business clients who were investigating China," he writes. "My impression then was that China was an intriguing environment, with the promise of tremendous opportunity. In 1997, I gave in to my curiosity and applied for and won a Canada-China fellowship at Peking University, P.R.C., Faculty of Law, where I pursued a twelve-month-long research project in comparative

law. Four years later, I continue to find the people and the region fascinating and full of promise."

## 1987

Andrew Carswell graduated from law school in the UK in 1995, then began his articles of clerkship at the Court of Appeal of Alberta in Calgary. He subsequently worked as a civil litigator for the Calgary branch of Miller Thomson until late 1997, when he decided to pursue an interest in criminal law, prosecuting offences ranging from fraud to manslaughter in his three years with the Alberta Department of Justice in Calgary. In August 1999, he married Sara Rose of Toronto in Banff, Alberta. In autumn 2000, he joined the Office of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) branch of the Canadian Forces, going through three months of Basic Officer Training in St-Jean, Quebec, and graduating as an Army captain in December. He was then posted to Ottawa, where he now lives. In addition to the legal advice he currently gives to commanders on international and operational matters, he will soon be prosecuting courts martial on behalf of the CF, and is scheduled to deploy with NATO troops to Bosnia at the end of 2002.

## 1988

Richard Schwartz has recently completed his MBA at McGill University and has accepted a position with Citigroup, working in their Emerging Markets, where he will start in September.

## 1990

Michael Henderson has just finished his MBA from Babson College in Wellesley, MA. "It was a gruelling two years," he writes, "but I am all done and now on the hunt for that elusive job. Unfortunately, it has been a very difficult year to graduate. Due to the current economic slowdown, and the general feeling of uneasiness in the market, people are not hiring at the rapid pace they once were. In fact, only 50 per cent of my class currently has a job. Last year, 85 per cent of the graduating class had jobs upon graduation. I am looking to land

something in the investment banking or financial consulting industries. However, making my search even more difficult is the fact that I want to begin in Europe."

**David Price** is a merchant banker at Schroders & Associates Canada. Schroders Canada manages two buy-out funds focused on buying majority stakes in profitable, private, mid-tier Canadian companies. Schroders Canada is a member of Schroder Ventures (a 10-country network of 25 venture capital and buyout funds) and is affiliated with UK money-management firm Schroders. David has lived full time in Montreal since May 1999.

**Tiga Sontag** performed as part of the DJ series at the 2001 edition of the Montreal Jazz Festival. In addition to his own busy performance schedule, he has his own record label, Turbo, his own record store, DNA, and is co-owner of the nightclub Sona. At last notice he was spinning tunes at Jai on Thursday nights.

**Warren Valdmanis** married Cynthia Kellogg on July 7 in Fairfield, Connecticut. The couple met while attending Dartmouth College. Warren received an MBA from Harvard in June, and is to become a consultant in October with the Paris office of Bain and Company, a management consulting firm.

## 1991

**Erik Sandblom**, who left Selwyn House and Montreal in 1984, is now a freelance writer and Web site developer in Göteborg, Sweden.

## 1992

**Richard Brooks** obtained his Master of Forest Conservation degree from the Faculty of Forestry, University of Toronto, in late 1999. He then obtained a job with the environmental organization Earthroots, based in Toronto, where he designed their new Wolves Ontario! project. He is currently the Co-Director of Earthroots, in charge of campaigns. More information on his work can be

found at [www.earthroots.org](http://www.earthroots.org). Richard can be contacted via email at [richard@earthroots.org](mailto:richard@earthroots.org).

**Robert Maranda** graduated from Medicine at McGill University this past spring and has now started a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Toronto.

## 1993

**Alex Lal** is teaching in Japan. "Japan is great," he writes. "Naturally, the people are the best part, both at work and within the Program. Hope all is well with you."

## 1994

**Mark Belanger** is currently studying law at the New England School of Law in Boston. "A small school," he writes, "yet, a great one in my opinion!"

**Andrew Lord** writes to us about his exploits in Asia: "The past year has been very exciting. At the beginning of last summer, I was offered a job working for a trading company (consumer goods, not stocks and bonds) in Hong Kong. I spent three months in Hong Kong and just over three months in Shenzhen (Hong Kong's sister city in the mainland) working for Richmond Trading Asia-Pacific. I was responsible for helping Chinese factories develop new products for a very large office products retailer in the US.

"At the end of January, just before Chinese New Year, I decided to end my contract with Richmond. Since then, I have been in Nepal. A friend of mine and I just completed a ten-day trek in the Annapurna region. In a few days, we are off to Bangkok. My plans beyond Thailand are quite open!" <[andrewlord@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewlord@yahoo.com)>

## 1995

**James Oliver** is studying at McGill and is completing his final year in Australia.

## 1996

**Joseph Ayas** has completed his third year of computer engineering at McGill, during which he served as president of the Electrical and

Computer Engineering Student Society. He will also be representing the students as engineering senator on the McGill Senate caucus in the upcoming academic year.

## 1997

**Carl Dholandas** has graduated with a BA in Political Science from Saint Mary's University. He hopes to be back home in Montreal at least for a while and looks forward to catching up with old friends. [c.d@canada.com](mailto:c.d@canada.com)

**Matthew McLaughlin** is pursuing his BA in linguistics at McGill. He is currently doing freelance translation.

## 1998

**Andrew Bourne** is enjoying his second year at Wilfrid Laurier University. He is in Honours Business Administration with an Economics minor. He has been accepted to the co-op option, and his first assignment this summer has him traveling to Ireland, where he will work in Belfast for three months and then backpack through Europe for one month. For extracurricular activities, Andrew is a Calculus T.A., a Foot Patrol volunteer, and cruises the blueline in Wilfrid Laurier Intramural Hockey.

**Jordan Goldwarg** will be taking advantage of the Study Abroad programme at Williams to spend a semester studying at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. He'll be there from early July until mid-November. "I'd love to meet up with any Old Boys who are living or travelling in New Zealand," he writes. [03jng@williams.edu](mailto:03jng@williams.edu).

**Guillaume Gouin-Descaries** will be completing his DEC in Creative Arts at Dawson in December. This summer Guillaume is attending the Cordon Bleu School, taking the Introduction to French Cuisine course.

## 1999

It is great to know that friends from SHS keep in touch. Impromptu poker nights are one way of doing so. The following members of the Class of '99 were one group of Old Boys who did

get together for such an occasion in June: **Seth Ross, Sam Walker, Charles Wasserman, Josh Wilner, Matt Osten, James Govan, Russell Fraser and Phil Hospod.**

**Matt Busbridge** is presently studying Political Science and Economics at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

**Theo McLaughlin** has graduated from Marianopolis and will enter McGill's Arts programme in the fall. Theo was awarded an entrance scholarship to McGill based on his high marks at CEGEP and also received a Student Life Award at Marianopolis for his role in running the Debating Club.

**Seth Ross** has been accepted to the Academic Excellence Opportunity programme at the University of Western Ontario. This programme offers outstanding students a place in the University's HBA programme, after completing two years of general studies at the University. Those accepted must be above 90 per cent scholastically, and have a record of extracurricular achievement including leadership.

**Peter Szilagyi** has completed his DEC at Marianopolis in Pure and Applied Science, and will enter engineering at McGill this fall. In addition, Peter received a Certificate for Outstanding Contribution to Marianopolis Student Life for his role as captain of the 2001 Robotics Team, which excelled at the Canada FIRST competition, winning first place in the most important categories.

**Sam Walker** graduated summa cum laude from St. Paul's School in June, winning the Charles S. Knox Memorial Cup awarded to the student who, out of a class of 135, "attained the greatest distinction in scholarship during his years at St. Paul's." He will be attending Yale University this fall.

## 2000

**Matthew Munzar** has completed his first year in Science at Marianopolis College and has received the Senator

Frank Carrol Scholarship, worth \$26,000, at Queen's University.

**Vidal Sadaka** is one of 15 students across Canada to receive the 2001 National Scholarship from the University of Toronto.

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

At the Marianopolis Graduating Ceremony on June 14th, **Theo McLaughlin '99** received the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany Prize for Excellence in the Learning of German.

At the same ceremony, the following SHS Grads of '99 were declared Marianopolis Scholars with a cumulative average above 90 per cent:

**Christopher Chan  
Phil Hospod  
Theo McLaughlin  
Hasan Mirza  
Sohil Rangwala  
Gurinder Samrai  
Robert Zalzman**

The following SHS students were named to the Dean's List at Marianopolis, for having attained an overall average of 85 per cent:

**Nicholas Businger  
Christopher Chan  
Tyler Chernin  
Timothy Dobby  
Matthew Finn  
Philip Hospod  
Theo McLaughlin  
Hasan Mirza  
Matthew Munzar  
Jonathan Nuss  
Philip Oliver  
Sohil Rangwala  
Vidal Sadaka  
Sean Salusbury  
Gurinder Samrai  
Geoffrey Spielman  
George-Orestes Tsoukas  
Joshua Wisenthal  
Robert Zalzman**

**Theodore McLaughlin, Vidal Sadaka and Robert Zalzman** each merited a Sister Mary MacCormack Scholarship for the Autumn 2000 session. These scholarships are awarded to the top four returning students in arts and science.

*Editor's note: The SHS Alumni Web page will soon feature a biography section which will be helpful to those seeking career advice. Please visit [www.selwyn.ca](http://www.selwyn.ca) (Old Boys' E-mail Directory).*



**Christopher Robinson 2000** and his mother, Jacqueline, made news recently as the first mother and son to both be named to the Dean's List (average of 90 per cent or higher) at Champlain St. Lambert College. Christopher is in the Science Option programme, and his mother is in the technology programme.

Named to the Honours List (80 per cent or higher) were **Sze Kit Chau 2000** and **Alexandre Lemieux 2000** both in the Science Option.

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Phyllis Matheson, mother of John '66 and Neil '74, and grandmother of Ian '05 and Geoffrey '08, died in her eighty-sixth year, at her home in Victoria, BC in May. She was a former member of the Board of Directors of Selwyn House School. (See photo above)

Paul Bergeron, father of Francois '97 and Pierre 2002, died on June 1 in Montreal, at the age of fifty-three.

Daniel O'Connell Doherty, Q.C. '32 died in May at his home. During WWII he served with the Royal Canadian Artillery, was captured in the Dieppe Raid in 1942, and spent the rest of the War as a prisoner of the Germans. He practised law for over fifty years in Montreal.

Margaret H. Gordon, widow of the late C. Howard Gordon '11, died at Montreal General Hospital on March 2, in her ninety-eighth year.

Carol Kovalik, wife of Dr. Joseph Kovalik '81, died on April 8 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, of cancer.

Lily Malouf, grandmother of Patrick 2005 and Christopher 2011, died in Montreal on March 19.

Alexander (Sandy) Campbell McCallum, father of John '67 and Duncan '70, died on April 7, in his eightieth year.

Faith Nercessian, mother of David '71, died in Montreal on March 12.

Robert A. Picaud '29 died in June of 1991.



Celebrated Canadian author Mordecai Richler, who died on July 3 in Montreal, is seen here in 1975 with his son Jacob '85, and his daughter Martha, when Jacob was a student at Selwyn House.



Former SHS senior math teacher Eniko Kiefer is seen here with her daughter Kaehla, born July 4, 2000, sister to Jesse, born in February of 1999. At last report, Eniko was back to teaching two afternoons per week.



On Saturday, April 21, SHS Elementary French teacher Caroline Bolduc and her husband, Philippe Casgrain, became the proud parents of a 7-lb, 1-oz baby boy, Aubert.



Former SHS Middle School teacher Carla Burke sends in this photo of her children Tristan, 7, and little sister Amelia, who was seven months old when this photo was taken in March of this year.

## CORRECTION

In the item on the wedding of SHS teacher Emily Beckerleg and Old Boy Jamie Ritchie '88 in the Winter issue of *Veritas*, the following Old Boys were omitted from the guest list: Adam Soutar '85, James Soutar '83, Chris Clark '86, Derek Bradeen '91, Mike Kronish '86, Mike Avedesian '88, Greg Raikes '89, Peter Morden '86, Rob Briscoe '87, Kevin O'Brien '89, and Jason Tsadilas '88. These guests were inadvertently listed as being in attendance at the wedding of SHS drama teacher Alex Ivanovici and Annabel Soutar.

Stained glass works, frescoes, drawings by Guido Nincheri, grandfather of former SHS staffer Roger Nincheri are on display at the Château Dufresne, 2929 Jeanne d'Arc until October 21. The elder Nincheri, known as Montreal's Michelangelo, created works that adorn the interiors of hundreds of churches built in Quebec and the northeastern U.S. in the first half of the 20th century.

Tom Nicoll, who has just completed his 20th year of teaching history and English and coaching senior and bantam football and hockey, has had his name added to the list of 20-year staffers displayed on a plaque in the Lucas Dining Room. "No teacher, in my experience, brings to his work a more powerful combination of knowledge of his subject, a direct and rigorous approach to teaching it and a fairness in all his dealings with students and colleagues," said Headmaster Will Mitchell at this year's Prizegiving. "Alumni over the years consistently name Tom as one of the most interesting and inspiring teachers they have had. Congratulations."

**Monique Bégin** is our new Advancement Office Assistant, replacing Susan Claus.

## A fond farewell to departing teachers



Mr. Martin Cloutier leaves after two very productive years – first as a homeroom teacher in Grade 5 and this year as a member of the computer science department. Martin will be taking his broad skills and sense of humour to teach at the John F. Kennedy School in Switzerland. Martin, we thank you for your contributions, and wish you well.



Mme Renée Malka has taught as a member of the Middle and Senior School French Department in replacement of Mme Allard-Coutu. She has done so with great competence and a cheerful approach in all aspects of her work. We thank Renée for her help and contribution.



Mrs. Jill Rollins will leave after a successful replacement year teaching English, history and debating in the Middle School. We appreciate her hard work and contributions and wish her well in her new position teaching senior English at LCC.



Ms. Catherine Scott will be leaving after much success as a replacement Grade Four homeroom teacher this year. We are grateful for the energy, competence and hard work she brought to all aspects of her work.

The event of the season!

# FALL EVENT 2001

The Fall Event will be the place to be this October. Old Boys, current students, current and alumni parents, and SHS staff all pitch in to make this annual fundraiser a top-notch event (\$89,000 raised last year).

SHS and various charities benefit from the generous donations of goods and services, volunteer efforts, and attendance of our entire SHS community.

## Thursday, October 26: COCKTAIL PARTY & SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW

A sneak preview of our Silent Auction items and a fabulous cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres donated from some of the best restaurants and caterers in town.

## Friday, October 27: SILENT AUCTION; RAFFLE; HAUNTED HOUSE; HOME, FOOD & CRAFT FAIR; BAKE SALE; LASAGNES & QUICHES

A friendly Haunted House for the youngsters; a home craft sale; the multicultural pantry (fresh and frozen meals to take home); the bake sale; and our famous homemade lasagnes and quiches to fill your freezer.

## Saturday, October 28: GARAGE SALE; RAFFLE; HOME, FOOD & CRAFT FAIR; BAKE SALE; LASAGNES & QUICHES

The Garage Sale has the best deals in town (great old treasures as well as brand new merchandise).

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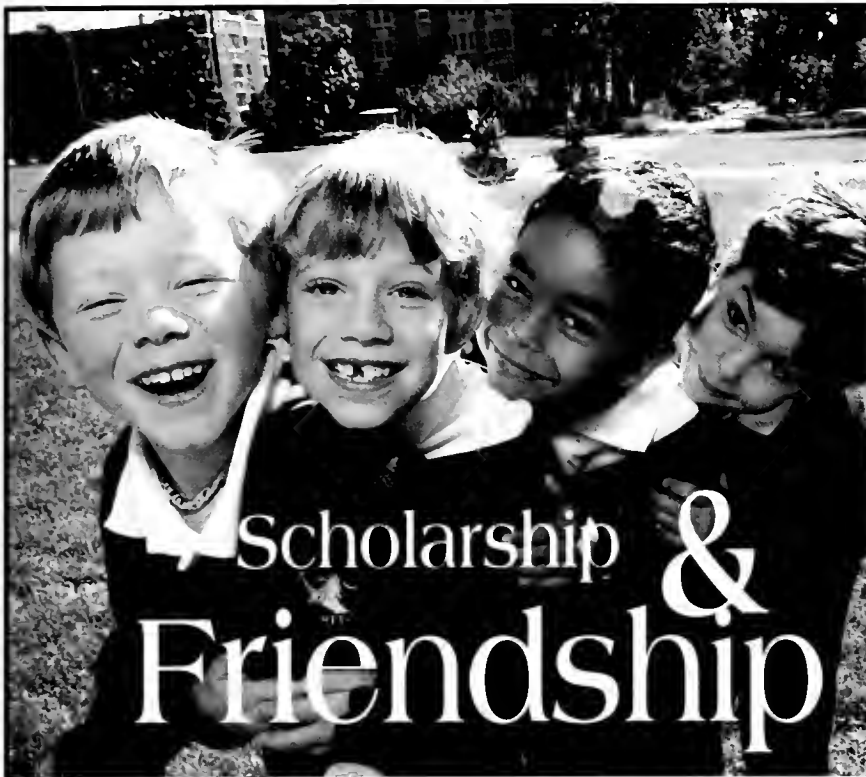
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### ALL GRADES

Thursday, October 11, 2001  
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Information night for Grades 7&8  
Thursday, October 11, 2001  
5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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This crested shirt may be worn optionally between May 15 and early fall.

### Shop Hours

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Photo: Students of Lucas School (now Selwyn House) in 1911,  
with founder Capt. Algernon Lucas at back right.

## OLD BOYS ARE INVITED TO THE SELWYN HOUSE SCHOOL 24TH ANNUAL OLD BOYS' REUNION

Friday, September 14, 2001

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Pub (Cash Bar) 9:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Special Anniversary Years: 1951, 1976, 1991

Spouses and guests welcome

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### RSVP

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